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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLAIM 1**

1. Apparatus for use in playing and practicing ball games comprising upper and lower guideways, substantially inelastic reciprocating means connected to and freely moveable along said upper and lower guideways, [and] a ball connected to said reciprocating means, and at least one upstanding stable support connected to at least a first end of the upper guideway.